

115TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1730

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## AN ACT

To amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for the protection of community centers with religious affiliation, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Protecting Religiously  
3 Affiliated Institutions Act of 2017”.

4 **SEC. 2. PROTECTION OF COMMUNITY CENTERS WITH RELI-**  
5 **GIOUS AFFILIATION.**

6 Section 247 of title 18, United States Code, is  
7 amended—

8 (1) in subsection (a)(2), by inserting after  
9 “threat of force,” the following: “including by threat  
10 of force against religious real property,”;

11 (2) in subsection (d)—

12 (A) in paragraph (3), by striking “and” at  
13 the end;

14 (B) by redesignating paragraph (4) as  
15 paragraph (5); and

16 (C) by inserting after paragraph (3) the  
17 following:

18 “(4) if damage to or destruction of property re-  
19 sults from the acts committed in violation of this  
20 section, which damage to or destruction of such  
21 property is in an amount that exceeds \$5,000, a fine  
22 in accordance with this title and imprisonment for  
23 not more than 3 years, or both; and”;

24 (3) in subsection (f), by inserting before the pe-  
25 riod at the end the following: “, or real property

1 owned or leased by a nonprofit, religiously affiliated  
2 organization”.

Passed the House of Representatives December 11,  
2017.

Attest:

*Clerk.*

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